

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



CURT T. OTAGURO
COMPTROLLER

AUDREY HIDANO
DEPUTY COMPTROLLER

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

P.O. BOX 119, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96810-0119

WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
CURT T. OTAGURO, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE

SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
WAYS AND MEANS

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022, 10:10 A.M.
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S.B. 2963, S.D. 1

RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 2963, S.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of this measure which requires and establishes deadlines for State facilities, except smaller facilities and facilities within the stadium development district, to implement cost-effective energy efficiency measures.

DAGS also appreciates the revision of the proposed language of section 2 (a) to allow additional time for implementation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

SB-2963-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:16:02 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/3/2022 10:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Amy Brinker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

SB 2963 SD 1 TESTIMONY

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Hearing on March 3, 2022 at 10:10 a.m.

From: John Kawamoto

Position: Support

“Once [carbon dioxide is] added to the atmosphere, it hangs around, for a long time: between 300 to 1,000 years,” according to [NASA](#). Carbon dioxide that has been emitted into the atmosphere since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution is still warming the Earth. Carbon dioxide that is being emitted today will warm the Earth for hundreds of years. What we do now -- and what we don’t do -- will impact the climate for many generations.

We must adopt a multi-faceted strategy to mitigate climate change. One element of that strategy is to make buildings more energy efficient since buildings typically use substantial amounts of energy.

Buildings must become more energy efficient, and this bill makes State government a leader in this effort.

SB-2963-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2022 10:39:50 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/3/2022 10:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Noel Morin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and committee,

I support SB 2963 SD1.

We must optimize energy usage - we cannot afford to waste.

Noel Morin - Hilo

SB-2963-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2022 11:16:55 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/3/2022 10:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Denise Boisvert	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I FULLY SUPPORT SB2963.

As it is said, "*there is no time like the present*", and that definitely applies to thinking about the future!

Please pass this bill.

SB-2963-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2022 11:21:04 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/3/2022 10:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kim Jorgensen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass SB2963 SD1. I am in FULLY SUPPORT of it because time is flying and there is not a minute to waste when it comes to planning for the success of Hawai'i's clean energy goals and future. Mahalo.